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The Two St. Johns of the New Testament. By JAMES STALKER, D.D., American Tract Society. Price \$1.

These two character sketches are in the form of a series of exegetical studies topically arranged. The work is notable for its exegetical and historical method. The process by which the results are achieved is so immediately evident and the results themselves so interesting that one is incited to similar methods in biblical study. The homiletical is another feature of the book. The exegetical purpose easily gives occasion for the introduction of much practical moralizing. The detailed sketch of the Apostle John is very clearly and sympathetically conceived, but one must confess that the sketch of John the Baptist, while strong, is at points quite obscure. There is enough of the picturesque and even dramatic in the career of John the Baptist to furnish material for a very vigorous treatment of his character. Nevertheless the book is an admirable piece of work, and is to be commended both for its method and results.

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LITERARY NOTES.

THE next volume in the *International Theological Library* is to be the *History of Christian Doctrine*, by Professor Geo. P. Fisher, of Yale University, a work to which many have looked forward since its announcement a year or two ago. It is now in the press, and will be issued soon.

THE twenty-first series of *Sermons of the International Sunday School Lessons* (1896) by the Monday Club (Boston and Chicago: Congregational Sunday School and Publishing Society) appears to keep up the reputation established by its predecessors. Its contributors are men well known for their scholarship and breadth of spirit, and the various sermons will be sure to help any thinking Sunday school teacher.

PROFESSOR J. H. ALLEN has re-edited Renan's *Life of Jesus* (Boston: Roberts Bros., \$2.50) and has given what will probably be the standard English translation of that remarkable book. The world of scholars no longer takes Renan as seriously as it once did so far as criticism itself is concerned, but Professor Allen is perhaps right in calling the work the "one great literary monument" that the critical school has produced.

FORTY YEARS IN CHINA, or CHINA IN TRANSITION, by Rev. R. H. Graves. Baltimore: R. H. Woodward Co. The value of this work consists in a careful and fair statement of the forces respectively opposing and favoring progress in China. Those who wonder why Christian missions have made so slow progress during centuries in China may easily learn why from the last chapter of this book and at the same time see themselves as "others see them."

THE *Expository Times* has reached its sixth bound volume, and a rapid survey of the contents, to the details of which reference has been made in the BIBLICAL WORLD from time to time shows us how many valuable articles and book notices this useful journal contains. We congratulate the